

In the claims: The claims are as follows.

1. (Currently amended) A method for use by a communication device, comprising:

obtaining information about one or more currently active cellular network systems to each of which the device has one or more active connections for respective connected applications hosted by the device, wherein the information includes at least the number and type of connections currently in use; and

deciding whether to allow establishing a new connection to one of the currently active cellular network systems ~~or to another cellular network system~~ on behalf of another application hosted by the device based on factors including the information about currently active cellular network systems.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information about currently active cellular network systems includes information about combinations of different kinds of connections allowed by each currently active cellular network system.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the factors also include information about connections currently in use or wherein the information about currently active cellular network systems includes information about connections currently in use.

4. Canceled.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

the application making a request of the device to establish the network connection and including in the request an identifier for the application;

wherein the information about connections currently in use includes identifiers for applications using the connections currently in use, and further wherein the factors also include the identifier for the application and the identifiers for applications using the connections currently in use.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the factors also include the maximum amount of concurrent packet switched data allowed by the connections currently in use.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the active cellular network systems include at least a GSM network, a WCDMA network, or a CDMA2000 network.

8. (Previously presented) An apparatus for inclusion in a mobile terminal, comprising:

a resource manager component, responsive to a signal from an application hosted by the mobile terminal to establish a connection to a cellular network system, for providing a request to allow establishing the connection; and

a network resource control module, responsive to the request to allow establishing the connection, and also responsive to information about one or more currently active cellular network systems to each of which the mobile terminal has one or more active connections for respective connected applications hosted by the device, for determining whether to allow establishing the connection based on factors including the information about the one or more currently active cellular network systems wherein the information about connections currently in use includes at least the number and type of connections currently in use.

9. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the information about currently active cellular network systems includes information about combinations of different kinds of connections allowed by each currently active cellular network system.

10. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the factors also include information about connections currently in use or wherein the information about currently active cellular network systems includes information about connections currently in use.

11. Canceled

12. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the resource manager

is configured to make the request for permission to establish the connection, wherein the request includes an identifier corresponding to the application requesting the connection;

and wherein the information about connections currently in use includes identifiers for applications using the connections currently in use, and further wherein the factors also include the identifier for the application and the identifiers for applications using the connections currently in use.

13. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the factors also include the maximum amount of concurrent packet switched data allowed by the connections currently in use.

14. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the active cellular network systems include at least a GSM network, a WCDMA network, or a CDMA2000 network.

15. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising a cellular network information server, responsive to a request to provide the information about currently active cellular network systems, for providing such information.

16. (Previously presented) A computer program product comprising: a computer readable storage structure embodying computer program code thereon for execution by a computer processor in a telecommunication terminal, wherein said computer program code includes instructions for performing the method of claim 1.

17. (Previously presented) A computer program product comprising: a computer readable storage structure embodying computer program code thereon for execution by a computer processor in a telecommunication terminal, wherein said computer program code includes instructions for performing the method of claim 5.

18. (Previously presented) A computer program product comprising: a computer readable storage structure embodying computer program code thereon for execution by

a computer processor in a telecommunication terminal, wherein said computer program code includes instructions for performing the method of claim 7.

19. (Previously presented) A system, comprising an operator network having at least one cellular system, and also comprising a mobile terminal including an apparatus as in claim 8.

20. (Previously presented) A system, comprising an operator network having at least one cellular system, and also comprising a mobile terminal including an apparatus as in claim 12.

21. (Previously presented) An apparatus for inclusion in a mobile terminal, comprising:

means, responsive to a signal from an application hosted by the mobile terminal to establish a connection to a cellular network system, for providing a request to allow establishing the connection; and

means, responsive to the request to allow establishing the connection, and also responsive to information about one or more currently active cellular network systems to each of which the mobile terminal has one or more active connections for respective connected applications hosted by the device, for determining whether to allow establishing the connection based on factors including the information about the one or more currently active cellular network systems wherein the information about connections currently in use includes at least the number and type of connections currently in use.

22. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the factors also include information about connections currently in use or wherein the information about currently active cellular network systems includes information about connections currently in use, and wherein the means for providing the request to establish the connection comprises:

means for making the request for permission to establish the connection, wherein the request includes an identifier corresponding to the application requesting the connection;

and wherein the information about connections currently in use includes identifiers for applications using the connections currently in use, and further wherein the factors also include the identifier for the application and the identifiers for applications using the connections currently in use.

23. (Previously presented) A mobile terminal, comprising:

an apparatus as in claim 8; and

means for wirelessly communicating with the one or more currently active cellular communication systems.